

mission field and eight senior pastors to local churches in the United States. The Christian Life School of Theology and the Life Enrichment Training School have prepared many Christian men and women led by the power of the Holy Spirit to pursue the Christian life.

Throughout his ministry, Pastor Thorne has remained humble and kept his focus on God even as he has been recognized nationally for his work. He has ministered at numerous leadership conferences in the United States around the world. In addition, Pastor Thorne is a district overseer in the Liberty Fellowship of Churches and Ministers and is a member of the Evangel Fellowship of Churches and Ministers.

Mr. Speaker, Pastor Thorne is a shining example of the goodness of people. He has indeed made a difference and continues to positively influence the lives of so many by spreading the Word of God. Pastor Thorne has led the kind of life for which I think we all should strive and I thank God for blessing us with his work.

TRIBUTE TO ROLLIE MULLEN

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 4, 1996

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep personal sadness that I rise today to share with my colleagues the passing of Rollie Mullen of Moraga, CA.

Rollie was a truly remarkable woman who left an indelible mark on our entire community.

Her career of over 15 years with Battered Women's Alternatives was never just a job to Rollie—it was a passion. Her advocacy and activism on behalf of families living with the fear of domestic violence won her considerable praise—Entrepreneur of the Year Award from Inc magazine and the Haas School of Business, United Way's Seaton Manning Award for Outstanding Agency Professional of the Bay Area, and the San Francisco Foundation's John R. May Award for creative leadership. But more important to Rollie was the attention it brought to this critical social issue. Rollie believed that we as a society have a responsibility not only to intervene in case of domestic violence, but to take steps to prevent violence in the home from ever occurring. She put this prevention ideology into practice at Battered Women's Alternatives with much success, and she effectively used this success to promote domestic violence prevention as part of our public policy agenda.

Rollie's death is a tremendous loss that will be felt by our community for some time to come. Yet those of us who knew her take great comfort in knowing that her spirit is still with us in the health and security of the countless families who have been healed through her efforts. She was a caring, dedicated individual. She was my friend, and I will miss her.

I would like to enclose the following article from the Contra Costa Times about Rollie Mullen.

[From the Contra Costa Times, Aug. 10, 1996]

SERVICES PLANNED AUG. 19 FOR WOMEN'S
CENTER HEAD

(By Maria Camposeco)

Friends, family and admirers from across the country are expected at services Aug. 19

for Rollie Mullen, a rape-crisis volunteer who transformed a small shelter into the pre-eminent Battered Women's Alternatives of Contra Costa.

"We are going to celebrate her values," said Mullen's husband of 33 years, Joe Mullen.

The 56-year-old Mullen died Thursday of an infection contracted following cancer surgery last month.

A family marriage counselor from Moraga, Mullen joined the Concord battered women's shelter as a volunteer in 1979 and became executive director in 1985.

Mullen raised the facility's profile and budget with the help of private donors, including the late Dean Leshner, founder and publisher of the Times newspapers.

"Rollie Mullen was the backbone of Battered Women's Alternatives and she is the reason Dean involved himself in building a transitional housing center, and why I have involved myself," said Leshner's widow, Margaret Leshner. "Rollie Mullen cannot be replaced, but I think the best way we can honor her is to go forward with her project."

A celebration Mass is scheduled at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 19, at St. Monica's Catholic Church, 1001 Camino Pablo, Moraga. A reception will follow.

In addition to her husband, Mullen is survived by her children, Joseph William Mullen III of New York; Rollie Killeen of Moraga; Patty Studer of Seattle; father, Arthur J. McGinnis of New Jersey; four siblings; and two grandchildren.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be sent to Battered Women's Alternatives, P.O. Box 6406, Concord, CA 94524.